



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/563,246	<b>Examiner:</b>	Severson, Jeremy R.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	May 3, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3653
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<b>For:</b>	<b>CONTINUOUS SEPARATION OF LOOSE SHEETS</b>		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF MAY 15, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2008 in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

A petition to extend the period for reply by one month is concurrently filed.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification**

An amendment to the specification is shown in the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION.

**Amendments to the Claims**

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.